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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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